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SUBJECT: TURKISH PRESS COMMENT ON US "POLITICAL PRISONERS"
RESOLUTION AND CYPRUS

1. MOST TURKISH PAPER (NOV. 18) GAVE SCATTERED COVERAGE TO SEVERAL ISSUES. SEVERAL PAPERS FRONT PAGED THAT TURKEY HAS REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN THE MANUFACTURE OF YF-16'S. ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS, TURKEY'S INTEREST IN ACQUIRING ALSO THE JOINT FRANCO-GERMAN "ALPHA" JETS IS LINKED BY POLITICAL OBSERVERS TO THE DISTRUST CREATED IN TURKEY BY THE AMERICAN ARMS EMBARGO.

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2. SEVERAL PAPER, PROMINENTLY MILLIYET, REPORTED THAT MFA SPOKESMAN AKBIL DENIED REPORTS THAT TURKEY HAS PREPARED A NEW CYPRUS PLAN LEAVING THE MARAS REGION OF THE ISLAND TO GREEK CYPRIOT REFUGEES AND REDUCING THE TURKISH-HELD AREA OF THE ISLAND TO 30 PERCENT.

3. COMMENTING ON THE US PROPOSAL IN THE UN FOR THE RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS, MARXIST COLUMNIST, MUMTAZ SOYSAL IN MILLIYET WROTE: "AMERICA, WHO WAS PURSUING A PASSION FOR 'PROTECTING THE WORLD AGAINST COMMUNISM' AFTER WORLD WAR II, HAS SUPPORTED RIGHTIST REGIMES SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY WERE AGAINST THE LEFT, AND NEVER HESITATED TO SEND HER ARMIES OVERSEAS IN ORDER TO SAVE THEM FROM COLLAPSING...AS AN INEVITABLE RESULT OF THIS, THE IMAGE OF THE 'UGLY AMERICAN' SPREAD ALL OVER THE WORLD. NOW, AFTER THE VIETNAM DEFEAT, AMERICA, ESPECIALLY WITH THE EFFORTS OF SEC. KISSINGER, IS TRYING TO ERASE THIS IMAGE. THE REMOVAL OF SECRETARY SCHLESINGER, WHO WAS ON GOOD TERMS WITH THE 'HAWKS' IN THE PENTAGON... AND CIA DIRECTOR COLBY CAN BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF THIS CAMPAIGN...BUT DON'T YOU THINK IT IS KIND OF FUNNY TO SEE AMERICAN DIPLOMATS ACTING ON BEHALF OF KISSINGER ASSUMING THE ROLE OF THE 'ANGELS OF PARDON'...WHILE THERE IS A CHILE, AN INDONESIA AND A SPAIN, WHICH SIMPLY ANNIHILATES POLITICAL PRISONERS, ALL LIVING OFF THE UNITED STATES?"

4. ON THE SAME TOPIC UGUR MUMCU IN LEFTIST CUMHURIYET WROTE: "COMMENTING ON THE US MOVE SUGGESTING THAT ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS IN THE WORLD BE GIVEN THEIR FREEDOM, REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY LEADER ECEVIT SAID, 'THERE IS ANOTHER TASK AND RESPONSIBILITY FALLING ON AMERICA. BY OFFICIALLY JOINING THE CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED BY MANY FREE DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES FOR THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN CHILE, THE UNITED STATES COULD DISPLAY ITS SINCERITY.' MR. ECEVIT PUTS HIS FINGER ON AN INTERESTING POINT. IT HAS BEEN PROVEN BY DOCUMENTS THAT THE SOCIALIST HEAD OF STATE OF CHILE, ALLENDE, HAD BEEN OUSTED BY A MILITARY COUP PLANNED BY THE CIA, AND BOTH SECRETARY KISSINGER AND CIA DIRECTOR COLBY MADE INTERESTING ANNOUNCEMENTS, WHICH CAN NOT BE ERASED FROM OUR MINDS, ON THIS SUBJECT. THOUSANDS OF PATRIOTS, ARRESTED BY FASCIST GENERAL PINOCHET AND HIS GANG, ARE IN PRISON. THE SPANISH REVOLUTIONARIES, UNCLASSIFIED

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IN THE JAILS OF THE FRANCO REGIME, ARE STRUGGLING AGAINST TORTURE...THE CHAIRMAN OF THE RPP, WHILE REMINDING US OF THE POLITICAL PRISONERS IN CHILE, HAS POINTED OUT AN AMERICAN CONTRADICTION: YOU WILL PLAN A COUP IN CHILE, WHICH IS AGAINST THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AND AT THE SAME TIME YOU WILL ASSUME THE AIR OF A GREAT NATION PROTECTING FREEDOMS WHEN GREEK FASCISTS ARE SENT TO JAIL. WHERE WAS THE UNITED STATES WHEN GREEK REVOLUTIONARIES WERE BEING TORTURED? WHERE

WAS SHE WHILE TORTURE WAS GOING ON IN PORTUGAL? WHERE WAS
SHE WHEN THE BLOOD WAS FLOWING IN THE STREETS OF INDONESIA?....
IT IS CLEAR WHERE SHE WAS: PATROLLING THE VIETNAMESE
VILLAGES TO MASSACRE. WHERE ELSE COULD SHE BE?"
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